

SR 518 Improvements: Sea-Tac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange

May 2006

We want your input!

Send us your comments on the SR 518 Environmental Assessment

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the SR 518 Sea-Tac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange Project will be available for public review and comment on May 31, 2006. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the United States Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would like your feedback by June 30, 2006. The document is available at locations near the SR 518 corridor (see the table on page 2) and is also on the project Web site at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR518/SeaTac_I5_I405



We want your input on the SR 518 Environmental Assessment

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the SR 518 Sea-Tac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange Project is available for your review and comment. Your involvement throughout this project is important. It ensures that problems and concerns regarding alternatives and foreseeable impacts to the environment are identified and incorporated into the environmental and design processes.

How can I comment?

Please submit your comments on the EA by June 30, 2006. Your comments can be submitted by mail or electronically to:

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If you would like a public hearing on this project, please contact Paul Johnson at 206-768-5680 on or before June 15, 2006.

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ADA Information:

Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation of any type may contact David Williams, Environmental Manager, WSDOT at 206-464-1235. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may call WA State Telecommunications Relay Service (TTY) at 711.

Title VI:

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EXISTING SR 518
BETWEEN SEA-TAC
AIRPORT AND I-5

Eastbound

Westbound

PROPOSED SR 518
BETWEEN SEA-TAC
AIRPORT AND I-5

Eastbound

Westbound

What is an
Environmental
Assessment (EA)?

An EA is a document that identifies and evaluates how a proposed project may affect the environment. The EA also describes the impacts and mitigation measures for the project and its proposed alternatives.

Members of the public and agencies have 30 days to review and comment on the EA.

What is the project?

The project improves mobility and safety and accommodates projected future airport traffic by adding a third eastbound lane on SR 518 between the Sea-Tac Airport and the I-5/I-405 Interchange.



Sea-Tac International Airport.



SR 518 is the main roadway access to Sea-Tac International Airport

Why is WSDOT looking at ways to improve SR 518?

SR 518 is becoming a progressively more popular connection between SR 509 and I-5/I-405. This increase in traffic, combined with forecasts calling for significant air travel growth over the coming years, will dramatically impact SR 518. If improvements aren't made to eastbound SR 518, drivers traveling the corridor will encounter difficult merge conditions, and drivers leaving Sea-Tac Airport can experience more than 30-minute delays, with lines of cars projected to back up nearly to the airport garage.

What are the project benefits?

Congestion Relief

The project will reduce airport related congestion and delays. Adding a third eastbound lane on SR 518 will result in better traffic flow during airport and freeway rush hours and will yield travel time savings at the airport ramps that currently experience backups. Separating the airport and SR 99 on-ramps will reduce bottlenecks on SR 518. Additionally, travelers using SR 518 from Burien will benefit from improved traffic flow throughout the entire corridor, as traffic backups will be reduced at the airport merge point.

View a copy of the SR 518 EA at these locations:

Burien

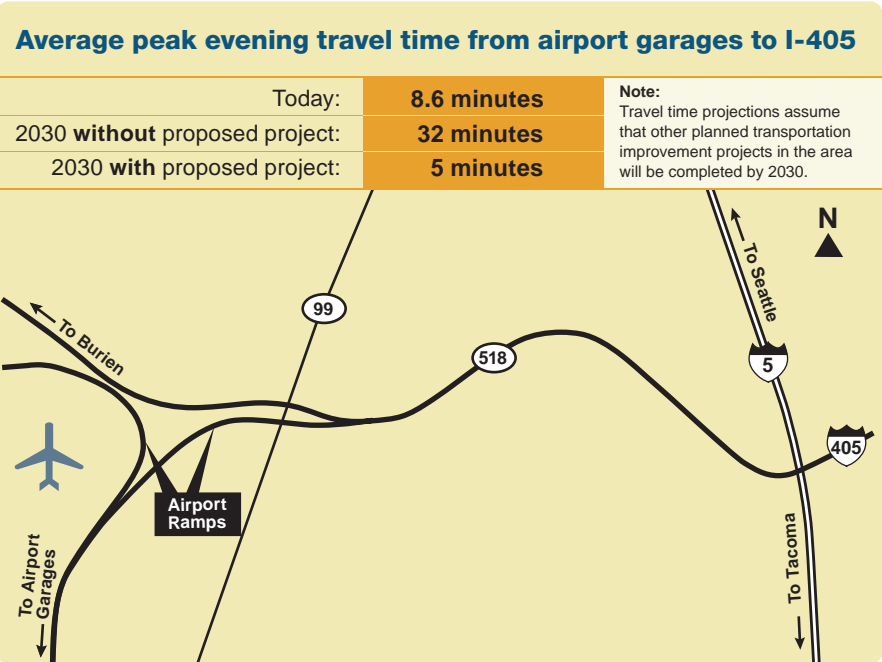
- City Hall - 415 SW 150th St
- Burien Library - 14700 6th Ave SW
- Community Center - 425 SW 144th St

SeaTac

- City Hall - 4800 S 188th St
- Valley View Library - 17850 Military Rd S

Tukwila

- City Hall - 6200 Southcenter Blvd
- Foster Library - 4060 S 144th St
- Community/Senior Center - 12424 42nd Ave S



Safety

Adding a third eastbound lane on SR 518 will improve and simplify the merging from the North Airport Expressway on the west end of the project as well as access to I-5 and I-405 on the east end of the project. Driver visibility will also be improved along the highway and on the 51st Avenue South off-ramp.

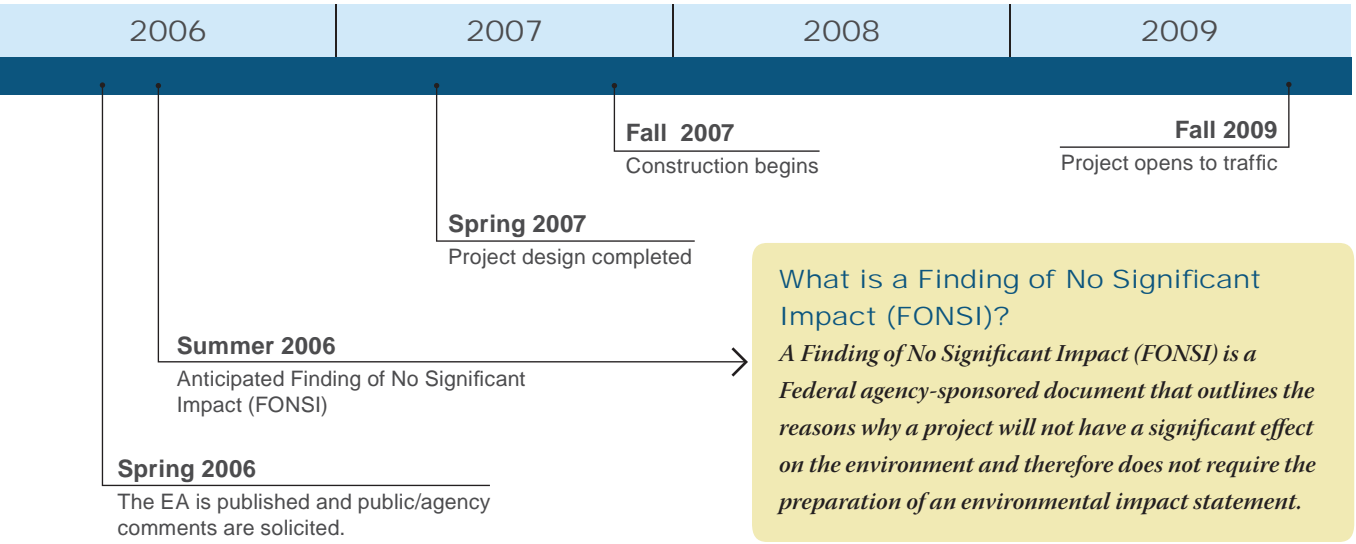
Environmental Benefits

The proposed project will make beneficial improvements to existing conditions. Noise walls will be installed to reduce traffic noise for neighborhoods. Runoff from the highway will be treated to enhance overall water quality conditions. Detention facilities and stormwater treatment will be provided to protect Gilliam Creek.

How is the project funded?

The Washington State Legislature, in its 2005 session, passed the Transportation Partnership Act (TPA) which, when signed by the Governor, became State law. The TPA allocated \$20 million for the SR 518 Sea-Tac Airport to I-5/I-405 Interchange Project. The Port of Seattle is contributing up to an additional \$5 million to the project. The federal government has contributed an additional \$4.8 million to the project.

What is the current schedule for the project?



Did you know?
SR 518 carries about 120,000 vehicles per day, including 80% of all airport trips.

Airport passenger growth is projected to increase from 29 million annual passengers today to about 44 million by 2020, a 53% increase.

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